



BY MRS. RIVENBURGH.



MR. and MRS. ALEXANDER YOUNG

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Young will have their Golden Wedding anniversary. Nothing in local society—or in local business and other circles of all kinds—has attracted more sympathetic attention for many a year than this anniversary of the well known couple. There will be a tremendous gathering in response to their "At Home" invitations, and all Honolulu joins in congratulating them and wishing them many more years of happiness.

Alexander Young was born at Blackburn, Scotland, December fourteenth, 1832; the son of Robert and Agnes Young. His father was a contractor who struggled along in the world with a small income and a large family. His son Alexander took to the mechanical line and was apprenticed for a term of five years with Alexander Chaplin & Company of Glasgow, Scotland, as a mechanical engineer and machinist.

Shortly after his apprenticeship expired and being trusted by his employers, he was sent by them to London to erect machinery for them there for several parties. He showed marked aptness in the trade he had chosen and at the end of 1859 he entered into three years' contract with Anderson & Company of London to proceed to Vancouver Island with a ship-load of machinery which had to go around the Horn. He agreed to erect and operate a large saw mill plant at Alberni, but, before leaving England he entered into another contract and married Miss Ruth Pearce, the daughter of Robert and Susan Armiger Pearce of Mundford, Norfolk, England, and on the sixth of March, 1860, they were married in Mundford Parish, Episcopal Church by Rev. John Raven, Rector.

On the twenty-sixth of the same month the bride and bridegroom embarked on the "Woodpecker" for a honeymoon trip around Cape Horn to Vancouver Island, and landed at their destination on August twenty-sixth.

Mr. Young carried out both contracts most satisfactory to all concerned and, in the course of events, landed at Honolulu from Alberni in the good old ship "Egeria" on the fifth of February, 1865.

Shortly after landing he formed a partnership with Mr. Wm. Lidgate, who also came from Alberni. Mr. Lidgate was a millwright and they put their fortunes together and opened a foundry and machine shop in Hilo, Hawaii. There was not at that time sufficient business to support their enterprise and after four years in the "narrows" it was abandoned, Lidgate going into sugar plantation business and Young taking hold of the management of The Honolulu Iron Works, after having bought the interest of the former manager, Mr. Thomas Hughes.

Inefficient machinery for extracting and treating juice of the sugar cane had hitherto seriously hindered the planters in their progress and Mr. Young earnestly devoted his attention to this important matter and to the best of his ability strove to improve the sugar factories in the Islands.

He retained the management of the Honolulu Iron Works for a period of over thirty-two years, when he resigned in the promotion of several companies to work plantations. He was for many years president of the Pepee Sugar Company and vice-president of the Waiakae Mill Company, controlling the stocks of the former and owning five-twelfths of the latter. He was also, until a few years ago, largely interested in the Kahuku Plantation Company, or which he was together with Mr. James Castle, largely responsible for the enterprise at the start.

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In 1887 he became a naturalized citizen of Hawaii. In the following year he was a member of the House of Nobles and in 1889 a member of the Constitutional Convention. When the Provisional Government was formed he was one of its ardent supporters and was, during its existence, a member of the advisory council. When the office of Minister of Interior became vacant by the death of the late James A. King in 1899 he was offered and accepted the office, thereby becoming a member of President Dole's cabinet.

During his incumbency the affairs of the Republic of Hawaii were concluded and a law passed by Congress April 30th, 1900 providing that the Islands shall be known as the Territory of Hawaii. This gave Mr. Young the distinction of having been the last Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Hawaii.

In 1900 he commenced the erection of the famous Alexander Young Building, which was finished in 1903, and ready for occupation. This block was intended, primarily, for Hotel purposes only, but the second floor has hitherto been devoted to business offices, mostly.

In 1905 he purchased the splendid Beach Hotel at Waikiki known as the Moana Hotel, to which he is at present engaged in building a large annex in the beautiful Queen Emma estate property, where will be a twin double tennis court for the Hotel guests to amuse themselves with healthful exercise.

A few years ago he acquired a large majority of the stock of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, and now controls its operation and management.

Mr. Young has been fortunate in

business in these Islands, but all the money he has made has been invested locally.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, although in the seventies, are still active and busy. Mr. Young is 7 years his wife's senior. Their family consist of nine children now living and two sons who died in infancy. The nine are as follows:—

Alexander Young, Jr. Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Theo. F. Dredge, Oakland, Cal. Mrs. R. W. Anderson, Honolulu, T. H. Robert Armiger Young, Hilo, Hawaii. Mrs. J. L. Howard, Honolulu, T. H. Miss Bertha Ruth Young, Honolulu, T. H.

Mrs. Conrad von Hamm, Honolulu, T. H. Archibald Alfred Young, Honolulu, T. H.

Mrs. Thomas Reid McNab, Los Angeles, Cal.

With the exception of Alexander, all the sons and daughters will be present here to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of their parents, and all but four of their thirteen grand-children will be present to wish them happiness.

Many congratulatory letters expressing best wishes for the future of the elderly couple have reached them, and we wish to offer ours too.

## A REVERIE.

That little cottage garden, I remember it so well—  
Those tiny, shuttered windows  
Where the baby roses twine,  
Whose early buds of springtime,  
Summer's florid wealth foretell  
And in yellow golden riot soars the  
honeysuckle vine.

The whitewashed picket fence with  
a latch upon the gate  
The box hedge bordered walk 'neath  
sprays of thorny cabbage roses  
The subtle scent of mignonette which  
lingers while I wait  
To breathe the perfumes where  
the sensuous musk reposes.

I mount the steps to ring the bell,  
when suddenly I see  
A gingham frock and apron, and a  
rustic Dolly Varden  
The rest is all forgotten for, her smile  
is best to me  
'Tis the sweetest of the flowers in  
that quaint old cottage garden.

—ELEANOR RIVENBURGH.

Mrs. Thomas H. Barry and Miss Ellen Barry entertained at the third of their informal "at homes" yesterday at General Barry's quarters at Fort Mason. These affairs have been delightfully informal and the music of the Presidio band which enlivens the hours of the reception, is a feature which adds greatly to the attractive-

ness of the pretty functions. The inclement weather yesterday interfered with the tennis, which has been one of the pleasures in which the young people have participated at the previous at homes of Mrs. Barry and her daughter.—Chronicle.

Mrs. C. H. Olsen with a party of friends leaves on the S. S. Marama for Vancouver B. C., whence a trip around the world to extend for a period of one year is planned.

Mrs. Walter F. Frear entertained at a delightful breakfast on Sunday complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman of New York City, the latter being a girl in these Islands a few years ago. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagens will be hosts at an elaborate pool supper this evening for seventy-five guests, the unique Hawaiian affair being even in honor of Captain and Mrs. Matson, Miss Lurline Matson and the Ohlands, now visiting Honolulu.

There will be eighty guests and every form of Hawaiian edibles will be served in a pavilion built of palm fronds and elaborately draped with national flags.

A Hawaiian quintette will play during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lewis entertained with a chowder-dance on Saturday evening for about seventy guests which was one of the most enjoyable fetes this season. The charming hospitality of the host and the informality of the affair rendered it doubly attractive.

The guests left town by motor, for Waialeale and after indulging in the fern lined pool which is one of the features of the Allen Herbert home in Kailua Valley, a chowder supper, and dancing filled the remainder of the evening.

Those present were as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. Howard, Dr. and Mrs. McNab, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Dredge, Judge and Mrs. Arthur Wilder, Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Murry, Mr. and Mrs. Hagens, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Klamp, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. McFeely, (of Vancouver) Mr. and Mrs. Tenny, Mrs. Mary urn, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Brainerd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker, Mrs. Fred Knight, Mrs. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips, Miss Margaret Walker, Miss Agnes Walker, Miss Alice Roth, Miss Alice Macfarlane, Miss Ada Rhodes, Miss McNab, Mr. H. F. Wichman, Mr. Harry Cobb, Mr. Walter Dillingham, Dr. Hodgins, Mr. Will Roth, Mr. Frank Armstrong, Mr. Hobie Walker, Captain Campbell, Mr. Kilroy, (Vancouver) Mr. Allen Herbert, Mr. Walter Macfarlane, Master Dredge.

One of the most attractive girls of the younger set in Honolulu at present is Miss George Smith, who with her parents the George Smiths, of Colorado is occupying the Cleghorn Cottage at Waikiki.

She is a pretty burnette who is very winsome and charming and has quite captivated the hearts of the Honolulu boys who have been fortunate enough to meet her.

Miss Smith is noted for her pretty gowns each one seeming to outshine another. She has received a great deal of social attention while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breckons entertained on Saturday evening at their home on Punahou street in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Corey of San Francisco.

Mrs. Armin Hanebery entertained a few friends at luncheon on Monday.

Mrs. A. M. Brown was hostess at a handsome luncheon Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Lurline Matson, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Matson, and one of the most feted girls in San Francisco society.

The luncheon was given in honor of Mrs. Matson of San Francisco, and covers were laid for thirty-five on the beautiful open lanai.

Tables were strewn with variegated nasturtiums which were most effective.

Mrs. Alexander Lindsay was hostess at a musicale at her home yesterday afternoon.

The affair was given complimentary to Miss Elizabeth Anderson, and was most informal only nineteen guests being present.

The programme occupied about three quarters of an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baldwin have returned from New York and are at the Fairmont.—S. F. Wasp.

A number of guests of the Pleasanton who have been enjoying the delights of a winter here left in the Makura to continue their way round the world.

These are Mr. and Mrs. George w.

Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Odell of New York City with their son and daughter, and Mrs. and Miss Moseley.

The reception to be held by Governor and Mrs. Frear at Arcadia on Monday from four to six promises to be as delightful as everything is given at the beautiful home of the Governor and his charming wife, whose graciousness and cordility are a magnet for society on these occasions.

No doubt as usual, simplicity will be a feature and the smart gowns of the service set and many of the local elite are always attractive.

Those who will assist Mrs. Frear are as follows.

Receiving—Governor and Mrs. Frear, Mrs. Robert Burdette, Mrs. George Sherman.

At the tea table.—Mrs. S. G. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Brainerd Smith, Mrs. Bobo, Dr. and Mrs. Wadhams, Mr. Walter Dillingham, Mrs. Sarah Newcomb, Mr. E. A. P. Newcomb, and Mrs. P. F. Frear.

Mrs. George Ross was the charming hostess at a delightful farewell tea given at the Pleasanton on Monday afternoon from four to six.

The decorations consisted of the huapala vine with other dainty cut flowers and a profusion of potted palms. Twenty-one guests were the recipients of Mrs. Ross' hospitality.

Mrs. Alexander Isenberg's son Rudolf is so much improved from his trying illness that it is now possible to take him on the journey from which the party was delayed.

Mrs. Isenberg and sons and Miss Dunsenbury will therefore leave in the Siberia sailing on the twenty sixth, to remain in the States for a short while and eventually to travel through Europe for several years.

On Monday afternoon at four o'clock about fifty members gathered at the home of Mrs. W. W. Hall on Nuuanu Avenue at a social which was given complimentary to Mrs. Robert Burdette, who gave a very pleasant talk on College life and the possibilities in the careers of college women all over the world.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent socially in this delightful way, and at the conclusion tea and delicious fruit punch were served the guests.

Mrs. Arthur Berg was hostess at the second in the series of teas planned for this season.

It was in every way a pretty conception the beautiful home of the Bergs being decorated with lace maiden hair ferns in artistic hanging baskets, palms and cut flowers, and between the hours of 4 and 6 a legion of friends came and went after the hospitably afforded.

Mrs. Berg was assisted in receiving by her sister Mr. Archie Young, and she looked very pretty in a light dainty gown of blue silk mull.

An elaborate and very delightful tea was given from four to six at Kawaiahaui Seminary yesterday afternoon at which Miss Bosher presided as hostess. It was perhaps the loveliest affair of the season, and was given in honor of Mrs. Upp and Miss Way of San Diego.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with palms and malle and the hanging baskets arranged in a graceful and artistic manner and tea and other delicious refreshments were served by the Seminary girls all dressed in pure white, whose modest and gentle manners are charming.

The guests were seated at small individual tables accommodating four persons each and which were made exquisitely dainty by sprays of pink wax flowers and maiden hair ferns. The guests numbered over two hundred.

Miss Bosher, who is the principal of the institution and a gracious gentlewoman, received, assisted by the guests of honor, and the day was one of flying colors of success from beginning to end.

A feature of the afternoon, and one

which won all present was the beautiful singing of a chorus of seventy fine voice of the seminary girls who sang sweet Hawaiian songs, and the clever piano forte selections rendered by Miss Catherine Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Miss Smith who spent the past week at Haleiwa have returned to town and at their residence, the Cleghorn cottage Maikiki.

They are charmed with Honolulu and greatly enjoyed the motor trip around the island and the excellent appointments of Haleiwa which charm all visitors to our shores.

The Smiths intend to leave the latter part of this month.

The dance at Haleiwa last Saturday evening was very successful, and there was a very good attendance, a large number of townspeople having motorized over to the popular hostelry returning again by the full clear light of the moon.

These dances are very popular and Mr. Kimball is a genial host.

The Haleiwa Quintette under the direction of Mr. James Awa furnished music and delicious refreshments were served.

There is to be a hop at the Moana Hotel this evening, at which the service people and local social circles will be represented.

Miss Margaret Thompson has returned from Benicia Barracks where she has been visiting Colonel and Mrs. Bennet, and is the guest of Mrs. Henry Ridout at her home in Sausalito. The marriage of Miss Thompson and Ensign Charles Conway Hartigan will take place soon after Lent. Ensign Hartigan will arrive here on Tuesday with the Pacific fleet.—S. F. Chronicle.

Members of Honolulu bon ton are eagerly anticipating the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Young the commemoration of which will be marked by an elaborate social function at the Alexander Young Hotel on Monday evening next, March 7th.

Mrs. Eugene Bresse and her daughter, Miss Metha McMahon, sailed for Honolulu, Thursday as the guests of Mr. William Matson and Miss Lurline Matson. They will spend several weeks in the Islands.—S. F. Wasp.

Dr. and Mrs. George Herbert were hosts of an enjoyable picnic on Thursday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dredge, Mrs. Sullivan, Dr. and Mrs. Howard, Dr. and Mrs. McNab and Miss McNab.

Mrs. Nathaniel Prister will be the hostess at a young people's party on St. Valentine's day at her quarters at the Presidio, when she will entertain complimentary to Miss Barry, daughter of General Barry and Miss Von Schrader whose engagement has been recently announced.—Chronicle.

Miss Grace Sterritt has returned to San Francisco after a delightful visit with the W. W. Halls in Honolulu.—Chronicle.

C. A. Berger of Honolulu is registered at the California.—Chronicle.

Majors and Mrs. James Kennedy will leave in March for Major Ken-

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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At the adjourned annual meeting of Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., held March 3, 1910, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

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